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Michigan Vegetable Report

Snap bean processors contracted 15,100 acres in Michigan for 2014, a decrease of 15 percent from last year, according to the USDA, NASS, Great Lakes Region. The estimated production of processing snap beans under contract decreased 23 percent to 59,490 tons.

Tomato processors contracted 3,900 acres in Michigan for 2014, an increase of 700 acres from the previous year. Processing tomato production is forecast at 140,400 tons, up 29 percent from 2013.

Michigan's asparagus production totaled 208,000 hundredweight (cwt) in 2014, up 1 percent from the previous year. The area harvested for fresh market and processing was 8,600 acres, down 400 acres from 2013. Yield, at 24 cwt per acre, was up 1 cwt per acre from the previous year. Total value of Michigan's asparagus production was \$19.37 million, up 4 percent from 2013.

Michigan's onion growers intend to harvest 3,000 acres of summer storage onions in 2014, up 11 percent from last year. Onion yield was forecast at 325 hundredweight (cwt) per acre, up 25 cwt per acre from last year's final. Total production was forecast at 975,000 cwt, up 20 percent from a year ago. At the U.S. level, growers expect to harvest 97,100 acres of storage onions this year, up 1 percent from last year.

Nationally, the 2014 contracted processing vegetable production for the four major processing crops (snap beans, sweet corn, green peas, and tomatoes) is forecast at 18.2 million tons, up 14 percent from last year. Production of processing tomatoes, at 14.6 million tons, is up 17 percent from last year. Snap bean production, at 660,770 tons, is up 7 percent from last year's production. Sweet corn production, at 2.62 million tons, is up 3 percent from last year. Green pea production, at 345,359 tons, virtually unchanged from the previous year. Contracted area for harvest of the four major processing vegetable crops, at 951,420 acres, is 6 percent above 2013.

At the U.S. level, production of the 2014 asparagus crop is forecast at 731,000 cwt, down 4 percent from 2013. Area harvested, at 23,400 acres, is down 4 percent from last year. Fresh market production, at 568,000 cwt, is down 8 percent from 2013. Processed production, at 8,150 tons, is up 15 percent from last year.

Michigan and U.S. Vegetable Production

Commodity	Michigan		United States	
	2013	2014	2013	2014
Snap beans, contracted for processing..... Acres	17,800	15,100	139,670	150,190
Snap beans, contracted for processing..... Tons	77,100	59,490	615,560	660,770
Tomatoes, contracted for processing..... Acres	3,200	3,900	273,000	304,900
Tomatoes, contracted for processing..... Tons	108,800	140,400	12,431,500	14,566,500
Asparagus, dual purpose ¹ Acres	9,000	8,600	24,500	23,400
Asparagus, dual purpose ¹ 1,000 Cwt	206	208	762	731
Onions, summer storage..... Acres	2,700	3,000	95,840	97,100
Onions, summer storage..... 1,000 Cwt	810	975	50,820	56,983

¹ Fresh market and processing.